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38 Queens Gardens

Dear Dr. Sieveking

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hollow as they are
now. I have
ventured to send
him thinking that
as a fellow-countryman
you may feel some
interest in his case.

truely yours
Herbert Spencer

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12 Arundel Terrace
Brighton
nov 10/97

~~64, Avenue Road,~~
~~Regents Park, N.W.~~

My dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for the brace of pheasants, which after a slight delay in London, have reached me here. Game is always welcome, and especially so to an invalid, and I am at present very much an invalid – more so than usual. Any one hearing of my presence in Brighton in November would infer thus I was a lover of the fashionable; but I came down a month before the fashionable season commenced impelled by reasons of health. Life indoors anywhere is depressingly monotonous, and in London is worse than

down here, where I can look out on the sea all day long, and have the Sun shining in through the window.

If you have had in Herefordshire anything like the weather we have had here, your pheasant shooting must have been extremely pleasant; and I daresay you may have had enjoyable picnics in the woods with ladies for company. You are greatly to be envied in being able to control your nervous disorder by pleasurable sports. ~~[illegible]~~

With kind regards to Mrs Smith,

Truly yours,

Herbert Spencer

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64, Avenue Road,
Regents Park, N.W.

Nov. 20, 1896

Dear Mr Smith,

Three days ago I ought to have sent you my acknowledgments and thanks for the brace of pheasants, which duly reached me. One of them has already entered into consumption and fulfilled its purpose of pleasantly varying the ordinary routine of diet.

Doubtless, as with achievements of all kinds, you will be this year striving to beat the record

of last year. I suppose
the reflection must be
that you benefit in
health & your friends in
table. benefits, though
the pheasants may
suffer.

Though I cannot
vie with you in game-
birds I fancy that, oddly
enough, I can vie with
you in singing birds. This
morning I had a thrush
singing away in the
space behind my house,
and sometimes in the
summer I have three
blackbirds singing at
the same time. That is a
fact which may make
Mrs Smith envious.

With kind regards to
her, Truly yours,

Herbert Spencer

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38 Queens Gardens
Lancaster Gate
W.
5th March 1888

Dear

Please excuse an invalid for negligences in correspondence. I have been so unwell that I have not been out since last Tuesday.

Of course you learnt promptly that Mr Craik was elected. Though there was a considerable amount of opposition, yet he had, I am glad to say, a satisfactory majority.

After a year and a half's absence, I returned to town on the last day of January, and have since then been

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able to make only four calls.
I hope to take advantage of
your kind suggestion as soon
as I feel able.

Pray forgive me for writing
by the hand of an amanuensis.
I am obliged to economise
my small energies to the
uttermost.

Very sincerely yours

Herbert Spencer

Herbert Spencer (philosopher)

38 Queen's Gardens
Bayswater W.
Sep. 20/81

Sir,

I have delayed replying to your note of Sep. 3rd because absence in the country, where I had no means of access to the Principles of Biology, prevented me from giving the exact words of the definition.

It is well that you have, as you explain, taken the precaution of ascertaining whether you were right in supposing that the definition which you quote is the final

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one, since you would have, in another way misrepresented the facts, had you quoted it without explanation. The definition which you quote, though it is one that I have finally given as a brief and abstract form of the definition previously arrived at, and one which might be conveniently used for certain purposes, is nevertheless not the one which I decided upon as most specific and fitted for most general use. I have said that "so abstract a formula as this is scarcely fitted for our present purpose," and that its terms are to be reserved "for such use as occasion may dictate". The definition which I have distinctly chosen for habitual use runs thus — Life is "the definite combination of heterogeneous changes, both simultaneous and successive, in correspondence with external co-existences and sequences." It is the last clause, here marked in italics, which was omitted in the proximate definition quoted by your father, and the absence of which makes all the difference in the meaning.

Ian Faithfully yours

Herbert Spencer

Wm De Morgan Esq

37 Queen's Gardens,
Bayswater, London. W.

2nd April 1872.

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Though the prospect you imply is a little alarming, since it involves an evening of continuous discussion, yet being tolerably well just now, I think I may venture; & shall have pleasure in joining issue on Monday at the hour named.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Spencer

Spencer
Gloucestershire
5 June 1860

Refers to
his bk on Education

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5 June 1860

Dear Sir

Messrs Crosbie & Nichols have declined to undertake the distribution of the parts of the work I purpose publishing. Messrs Ticknor & Fields have agreed to do so.

My friend Mr. Silsbee of Salem, Mass. has suggested that I should see Mr.

Fields who he says is now in London. I am unable to do this, but should be glad to write to him. Can you favour me with his address?

I think you told me you were Mess. Ticknor & Fields agent in London. If so I presume I may forward to you a parcel to be transmitted to them. Would you be kind enough to say how often you send?

Faithfully yours
Herbert Spencer

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37 Queen's Gardens,
Bayswater, W.

31 Jany. 1873.

My dear Hooker,

In the enclosed extract have I rightly stated Brown's claims? And is there any other cardinal achievement in Vegetal Biology that should be set down? What about the distributions of Floras & Faunas, in which you have yourself done so much?

Ever yours truly,

Herbert Spencer

L. G. 1914 X 6, 2a 3rd Queen's Gardens,
Bayswater, W.
26 Nov. 1892.

My dear Norie,

Lubbock
is booked on the 5th & wishes
to know whether the X dinner
could be equally well arranged
for the 2nd (Monday). Could that
day be as convenient to you as
Thursday?

Ever truly,
Herbert Spencer

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5 Percival Terrace,
Brighton.
Nov. 14, 1901

Dear Bastian,

I wish my bad health and very small reading power did not put a veto upon giving due attention to your elaborate inquiries, of which the first Part reached me two days ago.

Whichever of the interpretations you name be the true one, it is clear that the biological world is indebted to you for an accumulation of very remarkable observations and results, which must modify a good deal the current views.

If you could exclude the possible intrusion of these infinitesimal spores which seem to make their way everywhere, the argument would be conclusive.

Very truly yours,

Herbert Spencer

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Spencer (Herbert)

Philosophical writer

b. 1820

Signature 1872.

" 1873

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Mr. Herbert Spencer would be glad if Mr. Ellis would have the following codicil put in finished form and brought out to him at Beresford some afternoon as soon as may be (say Thursday. Friday.) It will be needless to send out a draft, since with the exception of technical form ~~it is~~ the draft fully expresses what ~~he~~ he wishes.

Beresford – Wednesday

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1820-1903

A. L. S. dated Sept. 20, 1881
to Mr. William De Morgan

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5 Percival Terrace
Brighton
Dec. 31, 1898
~~64, Avenue Road,~~
~~Regents Park. N.W.~~

Dear Mr Smith,

What more pheasants!
It is well that your preserves are extensive; otherwise this lavish distribution to friends would deplete them too much. However, the oscillation between pheasants on one side and thanks on the other is an agreeable one to the recipient - & I hope not unpleasant to the donor, in which case the transaction is quite satisfactory.

I envy you your way of keeping in health by shooting on horseback now that you cannot walk. It is

tells.

With kind regards to
Mrs Smith and yourself,
Sincerely yours,
Herbert Spencer

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well to have some way
of keeping the enemy at
bay, and yours is an
agreeable one. I wish I
could say as much for
mine, but I do not keep
him at bay but unhappily
am always at the enemy's
mercy, especially during
this bad weather which
I suppose has also been
affecting you; for your
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that of nervous subjects
generally, is one in which
a low barometer always
tells.

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38 Queen's Gardens
Bayswater W.
July 26/80

My dear Mrs Smith,

I have to ask your forgiveness for a great social transgression, namely, not having answered your letter in due time. I was quite horrified when on Saturday night, I discovered this omission. It appears ~~that~~ having read your kind invitation along with sundry other letters received the same morning. I laid it down, and instead of afterwards putting it in my pocket with the rest to take over to my study, where I usually answer letters the first thing, I accidentally

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hid it by laying something over it. Being very busy with various small matters before leaving town I quite forgot all about it until it was too late.

I hope the absence of a reply has not put you to any inconvenience. In that case no harm has been done, — unless, indeed, leaving you some days in a state of doubt, which I admit is a harm. My reply would have been that, unfortunately, acceptance of the pleasure you offered me of seeing your Wargrave home was not possible, for that on Saturday I had invited a number of friends to a pic-nic party at St. George's Hill Weybridge. I could therefore by no possibility join you.

When I had read your note and had mentally said to myself, "unfortunately I shall be obliged to decline" the thought occurred to me whether it would not be possible for you and Mr Smith to come across country and meet us at Weybridge, and I quite meant to have asked the question. Probably, however, the journey would have been too long to make it worth while. With kind regard to both and many apologies.

Sincerely yours
Herbert Spencer

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5 Percival Terrace
Brighton
Nov. 25, 1898

~~64, Avenue Road,~~
~~Regents Park N.W.~~

Dear Mr Smith,

Many thanks for the brace of pheasants, which have safely arrived in good condition. When I tell you that I have been in bed for a fortnight & that digestible food is in my present state very desirable you will see that they come very opportunely.

I am reminded by your present that the last pheasants I received came from one whose wife, Lady Anne Blunt, is a friend of yours.

can recall, if not the particular occasions, yet the times when your family had these two houses for the season.

With kind regards to Mrs Smith,

Sincerely yours,
Herbert Spencer

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I happened to suggest to Mr Blunt the subject of a poem; this led to correspondence, and this led to pheasants, and this led also to some comparison of reminiscences. I named the fact that I had met Lady Anne Blunt, then Lady Annabella Noel, at the house your father had in Albemarle Street in 1856, and afterwards at the house your father had in Grosvenor Crescent, and she also remembers the meeting. Probably you can recall, if not the particular occasions, yet the times when your family had these two houses for the season.

With kind regards to Mrs Smith,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Spencer

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